GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD – Irregularities in several road works carried out in Vemuru in Guntur District - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 481 **Dated: 06-08-2019**

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II,III&IV).

3. Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali, is directed to submit within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of article of those charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Sri Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada
(in duplicate with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledgement copy).
Copy to:
The General Administration (Vig. & Enf.) Department
(w.r.t. Vigilance Report No.16 (113/V&E/E1/2013),dt.31-01-2014).
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
S.f./S.c.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. PULLA RAO THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ PIU SUB-DIVISION, TENALI.

CHARGE-1: That Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali has executed substandard work in and recommended for payment of NABARD work "Vemuru to Pervali" without insisting for QC tests as evidenced by recovery of Rs.5,33,015/- and rejected value of Rs.11,13,310/- respectively.

CHARGE-2: That Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali has recommended for payment for the unexecuted item of gravel shoulders on the above road work from Km.1/100 to 1/350 (250 mts) on Right side and 1/230 to 1/280 (50 mts) on left side.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AND *M*ISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AG*A*INST SRI D. PULLA RAO, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR PIU SD TENALI, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

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CHARGE-1: That Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali has executed substandard work in and recommended for payment of NABARD work "Vemuru to Pervali" without insisting on QC tests as evidenced by recovery of Rs.5,33,015/- and rejected value of Rs.11,13,310/- respectively.

CHARGE-2: That Sri D. Pulla Rao, DEE, PR PIU Sub-Division, Tenali has recommended for payment for the unexecuted item of gravel shoulders on the above road work from Km.1/100 to 1/350 (250 mts) on Right side and 1/230 to 1/280 (50 mts) on left side.

The V&E Department has inspected the work "execution of certain road works carried out in Vemuru, Guntur District" and furnished their report in Vigilance Report No.16(113/V&E/E1/2013, dated 31-01-2014, pointing out the following irregularities:

1. The work "Vemuru to Peravali" taken up under NABARD was executed with several irregularities such as,
   - (a) Work was carried out without taking pre levels, pre levels were recorded with ante dates for the completed portion.
   - (b) BT road is completed for 3 KM and CC road for 630 m only with so many irregularities and the balance 2KM road was not taken up .
   - (c) Executed BT road is badly damaged.
   - (d) Earthwork formation was done by excacating nearby donka instead of carting from 1 KM lead.
   - (e) Payment was made to unexecuted drainage layer with sand.
   - (f) CC road quality is not maintained
   - (g) Payment was made towards shoulders to CC road without doing the work etc.

Sri D. Pulla Rao, has worked as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Projects Sub-Division, Tenali and executed, check measured and recommended for payment to the substandard works taken up under NABARD and MNP works without conducting QC checks. Regarding recommending payment for gravel shoulders, where gravel shoulders are not observed @ KM 1.250, the shoulders were laid simultaneously with base course. After laying BT layer, while trimming the shoulders in the reach from 1/100 to 1/350 (250M) on right side and from KM 1/230 to 1/280 (50M), the farmers raised objections stating that the road was encroached into their lands and the matter is in dispute. Meanwhile the shoulders laid in these reach were removed by the farmers and stacked in heaps.

Sri D. Pulla Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Sub-Division, Tenali is responsible for the above lapses and recommended for payment for NABARD works without pointing above irregularities. Thus, the above Govt. Servant has failed to discharge his legitimate duties properly and acted for his personal gain in contravention of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. PULLA RAO, DEE, PR PIU SUB-DIVISION, TENALI ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department Vigilance Report No.16 (113/V&E/E1/2013), Dt:31-01-2014.

2) Enquiry Officer & Chief Engineer, PR, V&QC, Vijayawada Lr.No. QC3/V&E/Hemambaradhara AEE/GTR/14, Dt:05-03-2018

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. PULLA RAO, DEE, PR PIU SUB-DIVISION, TENALI ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

- NIL -

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